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trades and occupations and the quantities thereof in each such trade or occupation; and

(b) whether the quantity is less than the requirements of the trade or occupation, and, if so, by how much and what steps Government propose to take to increase the supply and transport of coal in all its varieties?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) A statement[a] showing the quantities of coal and coke consumed in the several districts of the Province during (i) 1945–46 and (ii) 1946–47 is laid on the table of the House. A statement of the allotment of coal and coke districtwar to the several industries is also laid on the table of the House. The quotas allotted for distribution through Provincial depots for small-scale consumers were distributed mainly to engineering concerns, foundries, oil mills, educational institutes, hotels, etc. The quota of slack coal allotted was distributed to brick kilns. The figures furnished in the statements do not include the allotments made by the Central Government direct to 'A' class industries such as textile mills and sugar factories.

" A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House showing the number of wagons allotted to the Province for the various classes of industries. In addition a quantity of 100,000 tons for tobacco flue curing in Guntur and Kistna districts and 8,080 tons for tobacco redrying factories were allotted during 1946–47.

" (b) The actual requirements are far in excess of the allocation that have been made to this Province by the Coal Commissioner. The need for increasing the allotment has been repeatedly impressed on the Central Government but they have not been able to comply with our request in view of labour troubles in coal fields and shortage of wagons."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have satisfied themselves that there are some establishments which receive quotas from the Central Government as well as from the Provincial Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There are certain industries which are entitled to get their quotas from Central Government and others which are entitled to get from the Provincial Government. I take it that unless they are entitled to quotas both from the Central Government as well as from the Provincial Government, they cannot get such quotas."

Cement factories in the Province.

* 136 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cement factories now working in this Province, their names, location and capacity;

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 731–733 infra.

(b) whether the Government own any share capital in the cement factories, and, if so, how much;

(c) the number of new cement factories licensed to be commenced, their names, location and estimated capacity;

(d) how many of the factories mentioned in (c) are under construction;

(e) whether the Government propose to erect any cement factories, wholly or partly owned by the Government;

(f) if so, the name, location, estimated capacity of the factories, the capital expected to be paid up and the Government's share thereof;

(g) whether the Government have any scheme for nationalization of the cement industry; and

(h) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) A[a] statement A showing the existing cement factories in this Province is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Another [a] Statement B showing the new cement factories proposed to be started is also laid on the table.

" (d) Only one factory, viz., the India Cements, Ltd., is under construction.

" (e) & (f) The question is under consideration.

" (g) The answer is in the negative.

" (h) The question does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : " In view of the huge demands for cement, will the Government expedite their decision with regard to the opening of new cement factories?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

Alleged conversion of a teacher to Islam in Bellary.

* 137 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that a teacher of the New Muslim High School, Bellary, has been recently converted to Islam;

(b) whether it is a fact that an assurance has been given to the gentleman that he will be confirmed in his appointment, if he became a convert to Islam; and

(c) when the authorities concerned propose to shift the Muslim High School to a habitation of its own?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 734 infra.